

## SURE TAFT WILL BE RENOMINATED

Secretary Hilles Makes Optimistic Statement About His Chief's Chances.

### SEES MANY HOPEFUL SIGNS

Believes Republicans All Over Country Are Falling in Line.

Washington, February 1.—President Taft's nomination in June is as certain as anything can be. I am confident there will be comparatively little opposition to him in the National Convention, and when the nomination is made the Republicans of the country will rally to the party standard and win a great victory in November.

This was the opening statement of Charles D. Hilles at the White House today, and is the first public utterance he has yet made. Quiet, unobtrusive, assuming the lightest, his new figure in national politics has none the less been made in his answer to questions as to the outlook from the Taft standpoint. His assertions, too, carried conviction because of the temperance of the man and his reticence about talking for publication.

"I would not make this prediction," went on Mr. Hilles, "did I not feel that my information from all parts of the country warrants me in doing so. It is easy to make big claims, but I think that a man who does so without facts and figures to justify him is doing wrong."

#### Situation Is Different.

"A month ago, before I had gotten into touch with Republicans in all the States, I would not have said this much. In that month I have seen the lines drawn closer and closer. In the last week the situation has cleared wonderfully, with Republicans in all directions falling into line with the President and manifesting a determination to bring about his nomination."

"It is useless to speak in general terms or to undertake, at short notice, to go into conditions in each State, but developments in three of the big States of the country within a few days ought to point conclusively to the present trend. Two of these States the President has visited, and from the other I have information that leaves no question for dispute. The President's speech in New York so enthused the Republicans there that the executive committee of the county committee of New York county passed, by a unanimous vote, resolutions endorsing the President and declaring for his renomination in the strongest terms."

"This was followed by a meeting of the general Republican Committee of Kings county, Brooklyn, at which 263 members were present. By a unanimous vote Mr. Taft's renomination was urged. It was afterward discovered that five members of the committee were present with Taft resolutions when the first man got to his feet. The information from the leaders in New York was uniformly that the President will have the delegation of the State."

#### Speeches Awaken Republicans.

"In Ohio the President's speeches have awakened Republicans to a degree that was not expected. The President's visit to that State, which has not a doubt that every delegate from the State will be for him. There has been lots of noise in that State, but the substantial Republicans in every congressional district are determined that the President shall have the delegates, and he will get them, too."

"I have in my hand a telegram from Indianapolis saying that every mem-

ber of the Republican State Committee elected in the thirteen congressional districts yesterday is for Taft. That is a big change from a committee whose chairman, Mr. Lee, went around Washington in December claiming that Indiana was hostile to the President."

"I have before me dozens of telegrams and letters from other States showing that the Taft forces are on the move, and when I know that they are going so well I have no hesitation in declaring that the prospects could hardly be brighter."

It is apparent that before another thirty days the great army of Taft Republicans will be marching, with definite and determined purpose, but without much noise. President Taft's speeches in the last few days have done much to inspire his followers. It was said to-day. These speeches, it is now known, are to be followed by aggressive work by Republicans all along the line.

#### To Expose Doctrines.

February 12, Lincoln's birthday, will find the President and a number of his supporters expounding Republican doctrines at dinners and banquets. President Taft is to speak in New York that night; Attorney-General Wickham will talk in Milwaukee, and half a dozen representatives are booked to rally the Taft forces and Republicans generally at other places.

President Taft will be urged to continue his aggressiveness in his Lincoln Day speech, and it is believed he will do so. By holding up the achievements of his party and pointing out the possibilities for the future, the President is unknowingly stimulating the spirits of Republicans generally and of his followers in particular. That, his friends, say, is what has been needed, and the only regret expressed by these friends is that the President did not begin earlier.

The quiet work Mr. Hilles has been doing, under the embarrassment of attending to his official duties at the White House, is beginning to tell in the endorsement of Republican county and city committees in all directions, and it is said this will keep up.

#### May Have Headquarters.

As to whether Mr. Hilles is to get help through the establishment of Taft headquarters in the city is not yet known. Mr. Taft has been urged to give a little more attention to politics than heretofore, at least to the extent of turning over to trusted friends some of the work with which Mr. Hilles is now burdened. The view he will take of this advice is not known.

The work that Senators Crane, Smoot and Penrose have set out to do is voluntary on their part. The President has not authorized the establishment of headquarters directly representing him, and these Senators in charge, what is urged upon the President now is a headquarters where visitors to Washington can go and get instructions as to hustling, where the Taft people can look for advice and suggestion, and from which orders that will be respected will go out. Mr. Hilles is doing an immense and successful amount of this work now, but he is swamped, and can make use of active and alert assistance such as a regular headquarters would have.

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. Deaver Entertain Their Friends.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lexington, Va., February 1.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Deaver celebrated the twenty-ninth anniversary of their marriage at their home on South Main street Friday evening. The parlors, halls and dining-rooms were decorated with evergreens and silver trimmings. Numerous friends called and extended congratulations, and they were the recipients of many handsome gifts in silver. Delightful refreshments were served.

Mr. Deaver and Miss Mildred M. Turpin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Turpin, were married January 26, 1887, in the old Methodist Church on Jefferson street. Dr. J. H. Vaughn, the pastor at that time, officiating. Mr. Deaver is a son of Charles E. Deaver and is a successful business man of Lexington. They have two children—Miss Nellie R. Deaver and Fred T. Deaver.

Dr. A. C. Freeman, of the State Board of Health, Richmond, delivered an address in Lexington Tuesday night under the auspices of the Women's Civic League. His subject was public health and sanitation.

## RAILROAD MAGNATE DEAD



EDWIN HAWLEY.

## DEATH OF HAWLEY COMES SUDDENLY

(Continued from first page.)

Alton, the Iowa Central, the Minneapolis and St. Louis, the Toledo, St. Louis and Western; the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis; the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, and the Hocking Valley. He was also a director in many companies.

In recent years Mr. Hawley devoted most of his time to the development of the railroads with which his name was connected. But in days gone by he had taken a prominent part in sensational stock and cotton market operations. It was through his stock market operations that the Rock Island crowd succeeded in wresting control of the Chicago and Alton from Harriman. That incident marked the retirement of Hawley from the Union and Southern Pacific, and ended his long and close friendship with Harriman.

John W. Gates and Mr. Hawley acted jointly in getting control of the Alton from Harriman. Only a few years before that, Hawley and Harriman had carried on a bitter warfare against Gates in Colorado fuel and iron, but in that contest Gates came out on top.

Joins Forces With Goulds.—After Mr. Hawley fell out with Harriman, he joined forces with the Goulds in building the Western Pacific through the heart of Harriman's Southern Pacific.

Perhaps Mr. Hawley's best known speculative venture was in the cotton market in 1901. That was the time Daniel J. Sully worked the price of cotton up to the highest point since the days of paper money inflation. Mr. Hawley, together with Frank H. Ray, president of the American Tobacco Company, Levi C. Weir, president of the Adams Express, and Sully worked in a joint pool. According to testimony afterward given in a suit brought by Sully, Mr. Hawley and his associates sold out Sully, causing the collapse that brought about Sully's financial downfall.

According to the testimony, Mr. Hawley and Sully started downtown one morning in a cab. During the ride the two men talked of their operations in cotton, how the price would continue to advance, and how much money would finally be cleared up by the pool. At Thirty-fourth Street Hawley said he had to stop on an errand, but before leaving the cab he gave Sully instructions as to how much cotton to buy right at the opening. Sully continued on his way downtown, thinking of the orders he was about to execute.

After leaving Sully, Hawley rushed to a broker's office at the Waldorf and gave orders to sell enough cotton at the market to cover his share of the pool operations.

Sully unsuspectingly bought all the cotton sold by Hawley individually. Already the market had begun to waver, and the selling by Hawley for his own account caused a violent decline in cotton, how the price would continue to advance, and how much money would finally be cleared up by the pool.

That morning cotton opened down ten points, and Sully, who had gone into the pit in person to execute the Hawley orders, succeeded in bidding up the price forty points. At a way out selling order was given him, and he saw that something was about to happen. Selling orders, which had been distributed by Hawley, began to come in from every quarter, with directions to sell at any figure. The tickers were many minutes behind, and the bull market was driven from the pit to bankruptcy before Wall Street learned what had happened.

At the low prices of that first hour, cotton went down 450 points from the high prices of the previous day.

During the summer of 1910, when, as a result of the collapse of the Pearson-Farquhar syndicate, the whole stock market was thrown into a panic condition, efforts were made by a powerful bank party to separate Hawley from his Chicago associates. Hawley, Missouri, Kansas and Texas, and other railway stocks. The price of Chesapeake and Ohio, for example, was driven from 92 down to 66; but Hawley did not go down with it.

While Wall Street was flooded with rumors that "the bears were about to get Hawley's scalp," a prominent banker's office was visited for the purpose of getting a line on the real Hawley situation. In answer to a direct question as to whether Hawley was being forced to sell out, the banker smiled and said: "No. He is too old a hand at the game. I have made a careful round of the banks, and no unprotected Hawley loans were found. I have known Hawley intimately for some years, and I never knew him to carry on his stock market speculations with call money. He gets time money, and even then he never borrows more than he is sure he can pay off when the loan falls due. That is the secret

of Hawley's stock market success." Hawley and Harriman died at exactly the same age. In many respects they were alike.

Because of an old superstition, Hawley only recently had his lawyers draw up papers disposing of his estate. And then, to his few friends, he admitted that the making of the will had upset him. At that time, however, he was a sick man for the first time in his life, and he was unable to throw off his fear of death because he had just made his will. Like Harriman, he died as a result of too close confinement to business.

Newman Erb, who recently joined the Hawley forces, succeeding Theodore P. Shonts as president of the Minneapolis and St. Louis and the Iowa Central, said this to say of Hawley's unfinished plans.

"Mr. Hawley had comprehensive railroad plans. As far as these plans are known to his associates, they have been approved and will be carried out by those who will have charge of his estate. In the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railway of which I am president, Mr. Hawley had had little active part, leaving everything to my judgment. The policy of this road will not be changed in any way and will be carried out exactly as has been planned."

#### Remains Independent Line.

Any plan that Hawley may have had to connect the Chesapeake and Ohio in a Hawley system will probably be abandoned and the road will continue to be operated as an independent line under the general direction of George W. Stevens, the president; Frank Trumbull, chairman of the board; and Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank, which has been the fiscal agent of the Hawley properties for a long while.

Regarding Mr. Hawley's fortune, a man who is in a position to know something about it told the Times-Dispatch correspondent that while Mr. Hawley held quantities of valuable securities, he had others which Wall Street calls junk. He believed that \$50,000,000 would be a fairly liberal estimate of the value of the Hawley estate.

An interesting fact developed that the strong box containing the Hawley securities is in the Mercantile Trust Company vault, which is in the wreck of the Equitable Life Insurance Society's building.

Hawley's Death a Shock.—Profound regret at the sudden death in New York of Edwin Hawley, controlling factor of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, was expressed yesterday at the Chesapeake and Ohio general offices in this city. President George W. Stevens was in New York, and will probably remain there until after the funeral of Mr. Hawley.

Major James H. Dooley, a director of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, said yesterday that it was impossible for any one to say at this juncture what effect the death of Mr. Hawley would have on the plans for railroad extension.

"Mr. Hawley was a man who kept his affairs and plans largely to himself," said Major Dooley, "and at this time I doubt if any one could form the slightest idea of the effect of his death. I believe that the announced plans for the rebuilding of the Chesapeake and Ohio system will go forward without any change."

"It is not true that Mr. Hawley owned the controlling stock in the Chesapeake and Ohio. I am confident that he was a large stockholder, but he did not hold the control, save through the fact that he had strong friends. Young Mr. Huntington and Mrs. C. P. Huntington own large blocks of Chesapeake and Ohio stock, and have great confidence in Mr. Hawley's ability, following his lead to a large extent."

"I do not know what will become of the stock owned by Mr. Hawley, but I do not believe that his death will occasion any delay in carrying out plans for building up the Chesapeake and Ohio system."

In regard to recently published reports of a renewal of negotiations for absorption of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio by the Chesapeake and Ohio, Major Dooley said that that had been definitely dropped some months ago, and was not now under consideration by the Chesapeake and Ohio authorities.

large interest in the Kanawha and Michigan, thus strengthening its hold in the soft coal region.

The death of Mr. Hawley came as a general surprise to local railway officials, as while it was known here that he had been in ill health, it was understood that his illness was not of so serious a nature.

#### SUCCESSOR TO HUGGINS.

Norfolk, Va., February 1.—M. S. Hawkins was to-day made assistant to the president of the Norfolk-Southern Railroad, succeeding Colonel H. C. Huggins, who retired after a service of thirty-one years with the Norfolk-Southern and as predecessor, Mr. Hawkins assumes the duties of assistant to President J. T. Lamb, as additional to those of secretary of the Norfolk-Southern Railroad Company, in which capacity he has served since the Norfolk and Southern reorganization in 1910.

#### SIX MEN HELD FOR COURT.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Winchester, Va., February 1.—Investigations made by plain clothes policemen led to the arrest to-day of six men, several of whom are from well known families, charged with trafficking in liquor in violation of Federal, State and local laws. Those arrested and held for court were: Edward Shull, Harmon Taylor, Maynard McCauley, Edward L. Henry, Charles Taylor, A. L. White, and Herbert Lavender, colored.

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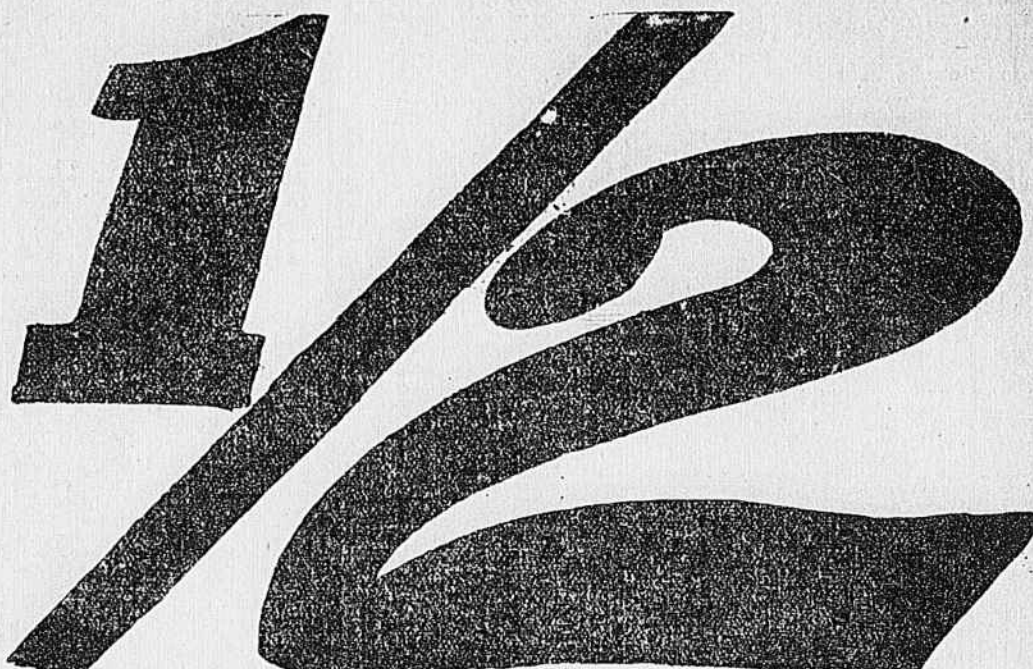
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Place Party Loyalty Above Personal Preference in Selection of Presidential Candidate—Not Willing to Pledge Themselves Now.

Washington, February 1.—Whatever the members of the other delegations in Congress may be doing towards pledging themselves for one of the three or four Democratic candidates for President now in the field, those from Virginia do not mean to be caught on the wrong side of the fence in case there is a flash in the pan at the Baltimore convention.

There have been all kinds of rumors about how the Virginians stood. Some said they were for Harmon, some for Underwood, some for Wilson, etc., but a request for an expression of opinion has brought out very little information. As a matter of fact, the keynote to the situation probably is found in the statement of Representative Saunders, when he said yesterday, "I place party loyalty above personal choice." The question, so far as the South is concerned, is "Who can win?" Show me the man who can beat the Republican nominee, and I will show you the man the South will go for.

Whatever personal choice I might have is absorbed in the broader desire to choose any Democrat who can win. Senator Swanson is not yet ready to state his choice of men. Asked yesterday if he would give the readers of the Times-Dispatch the benefit of his views on the subject, the Senator said, "No. I have not yet decided; that is to say, I do not want to make a public statement just yet. In a day or two, however, I may have something."

Congressman Lamb is out and out for Harmon—one of the few members of the Virginia delegation who is willing to say where he stands. "I am for Harmon," Captain Lamb said, "because I am for a safe and sane Democracy. Of course, there has been a lot of discussion of the various candidates from one angle and another, but I believe we could come nearer winning with Governor Harmon than any one else."

Asked as to his choice for Vice-President, the Third District representative said: "For Vice-President I am for Clark or Underwood, either of whom would be satisfactory, as far as I am concerned."

He would state his choice for President and Vice-President, shook his head, looked seriously at a big pile of reports and documents lying on a nearby table, and begged to be excused.

In a day or two some other members of the delegation may be heard touching their choice in presidential matters, but so far they have not been loud in proclaiming such preference.

Harry St. George Tucker was in Washington yesterday, bristling with Wilson hope and enthusiasm. Asked if he had recovered his eyesight, Mr. Tucker replied: "Yes, to such a degree that I can see nothing but Wilson."

Mr. Tucker believes that the New Jersey Governor has the other candidates already beaten to a frazzle. Mr. Tucker moved around in the Capitol, where he buttonholed many persons, whom he told that he considered Governor Wilson's chances most excellent.

Senator Swanson yesterday had the Senate pass a bill repealing that section of the law which prohibits the printing of pictures of coins in certain kinds of books, especially school books. It is said that one publishing house alone in Richmond, which had on hand many copies of school books with such pictures, would have been a heavy loser had this section not been repealed. It is expected to pass the House this week. P. H. McG.

## THE WEATHER.

Forecast: For Virginia—Generally fair Friday and Saturday, except snow showers in mountain districts Friday; Friday, moderate northwest winds; Saturday, moderate west winds.

For North Carolina—Fair Friday and Saturday, colder west and central portions Friday and east portion Saturday; moderate west winds.

Special Local Data for Yesterday.  
12 noon temperature ..... 38  
3 P. M. temperature ..... 39  
Maximum temperature up to 5  
Minimum temperature ..... 30  
P. M. temperature ..... 32  
Mean temperature ..... 33  
Normal temperature ..... 35  
Deficiency in temperature ..... 2  
Deficiency in temperature since March 1, 1911 ..... 259  
Accumulated deficiency in temperature since January 1, 1912 ..... 250  
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1, 1911 ..... 6.47  
Anomaly in rainfall since January 1, 1912 ..... 77  
Local Observation 8 P. M. Yesterday.  
Temperature ..... 35  
Humidity ..... 25  
Wind—direction ..... South  
Wind—velocity ..... 3  
Weather ..... Cloudy

## COPIATIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

(At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)  
Asheville ..... 36 42 20 Cloudy  
Atlanta ..... 41 48 28 Clear  
Atlantic City ..... 32 36 Cloudy  
Boston ..... 24 29 18 Cloudy  
Buffalo ..... 26 28 12 Snow  
Calgary ..... 42 48 32 P. cloudy  
Chicago ..... 32 36 Snow  
Cincinnati ..... 38 41 29 P. cloudy  
Duluth ..... 22 28 12 Clear  
Galveston ..... 56 60 51 Clear  
Hatteras ..... 42 42 32 Clear  
Jacksonville ..... 36 38 19 Cloudy  
Kansas City ..... 22 22 22 Clear  
Louisville ..... 28 36 28 Snow  
Montgomery ..... 46 56 41 Clear  
New Orleans ..... 54 62 46 Clear  
New York ..... 28 34 18 Clear  
St. Paul ..... 18 22 12 Clear  
San Francisco ..... 56 62 41 Clear  
Savannah ..... 50 56 32 Clear  
Spokane ..... 38 42 22 P. cloudy  
Tampa ..... 52 58 40 Clear  
Washington ..... 34 38 26 P. cloudy  
Winnipeg ..... 10 14 12 Clear  
Wytheville ..... 30 34 22 Cloudy  
Norfolk ..... 38 42 25 Clear  
Oklahoma ..... 36 46 32 Clear  
Pittsburgh ..... 30 34 22 Snow  
Raleigh ..... 38 41 24 Clear  
St. Louis ..... 24 30 31 Cloudy



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